



STATE OF MAINE
COMMISSION ON GOVERNMENTAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES
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Agenda

Meeting of November 9, 2005

9:00 a.m., Commission Offices, 242 State Street, Augusta, Maine

ROUTINE BUSINESS

1. Ratification of minutes of the October 12, 2005 meeting

NEW BUSINESS

2. Request for Waiver of Penalty by No Slots for ME!

The No Slots for ME! political action committee was two days late in filing the campaign finance report due October 11, 2005. The statutory penalty is \$514.52. The PAC's treasurer, Fred Kilfoil, has requested a waiver because he mistakenly believed the report was due on the 15th day of October. *Staff recommendation: the Commission staff recognizes that the late filing was a good-faith error, but recommends assessment of the full penalty of \$514.52.*

3. Definition of Lobbying for Disclosure Purposes

The staff requests the Commission's approval to publish a one-page memo offering advice to lobbyists on what activities constitute "lobbying" for reporting purposes. After considering comments submitted by several lobbyists, the Commission staff recommends a narrower view of lobbying than was initially proposed.

4. Funding for the Maine Clean Election Act

The Commission staff recommends issuing a report regarding whether revenue available to pay Maine Clean Election Act candidates in the 2006 elections.

5. Investigative Hearing

The Commission will continue a hearing on the 2004 campaigns of Julia St. James and Sarah Trundy, and literature distributed in connection with the February 2004 special legislative election in Biddeford.

Other

Miscellaneous as needed.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

If necessary.

ADJOURNMENT